any definite rules in giving sanction to the opening of new schools; if, any definite rules are followed, will the Government kindly state what they are?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Please see Chapter III of *the Education Code, Vol. I.*

52. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if, before sanction to open a new school is accorded, any enquiry is held to find out whether the new school would affect the schools already existing in the locality; if any enquiry is held, will the Government be pleased to state who conducts the enquiry and the nature of the enquiry conducted?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. The Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting Officers conduct the inquiries on the lines laid down in *the Education Code.*

53. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Education Department ascertain the opinion of the authorities of existing schools as to the necessity of the new school and its effect on their schools before sanction for new schools is accorded?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, if such an enquiry is found necessary.

Abkari cases.

54. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the number of Abkari cases detected in 1102 and the previous three years;

(b) by whom they were detected;

(c) how many of these cases were disposed of in each year?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

Year.	Number of Abkari cases detected.
1099	676
1100	950
1101	672
1102 up to 21—11—1102	783

(b) By the Officers of the Excise and Police Departments.

(c)

Year.	Total disposal in each year.
1099	614
1100	874
1101	633
1102 (up to 21—11—1102)	569

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